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For: OXIDIZING COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING A MIXTURE
OF POLYMERS INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE COPOLYMER
BASED ON ACRYLAMIDE AND 2-ACRYLAMIDO-2-
METHYLPROPANESULPHONIC ACID

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicants, through the undersigned attorney, submit this Information Disclosure Statement.

The references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the Search Report issued in connection with French priority application No. 0215546 or referred to in the specification of the present application. FR 2,818,537 is discussed at page 2 of the specification and U.S. Patent No. 6,180,118 is the English-language equivalent of FR 2,753,372 referred to at page 5 of the specification. The relevancy of the remaining non-English language references is apparent from the attached copy of the French Search Report, which includes an English translation of the document categories. Copies of the foreign language documents are included herewith.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is required.

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